Buffalo. Dec. 25. 1862.

My dear Sir:

I must write you again to day. I have just examined the numbering of my equisetums & apprehend, that I may have committed an error - that the specimens I sent you & those I retained were numbered differently. You write

" Equisetum No. 1 = 3 depauperate."
" " " . 3 = palustre."

Now my No. 1. is the one from Strawberry Island about which I wrote this morning.

I had no idea that my No. 3 was the one you meant as lacustre. I think I can assure you that it is a not uncommon Equisetum with us.

I gathered, it seems, only 2 specimens of it. The other, if you wish it, I will be much pleased to send you. I ~~took~~ took only 2, supposing it to be a variety of the limosum. There was plenty of it in the locality— which is Squaw Island, the first Island below Lake Erie, and American. The Island is the outside of the lower part of the Black Rock Harbor. From its head, the Black Rock Pier runs up into the foot of the Lake.

I am very confident that I had observed this Equisetum (my No. 3) before—in another locality—growing in a ditch, or rather on the sand in the edge of a ditch, on the Buffalo & State Line Railroad, about 2 miles from the City. But ~~there~~ there were not over 2 doz. plants; and, to my great regret, they were cut down before fruiting. This was before I found the No. 3 on Squaw Island.

I ~~A~~ put in the package all I have of No. 1, except some 2 inferior specimens. I also put in 1 or 2 goodish specimens of Equisetum variegatum. I must have sent away to correspondents specimens of No. 1. For, I am sure I collected 5–10 specimens.

I will now complete & put up package.

I hope you will yet find time (dog days) to answer as to the Sparganiums—

Potamogeton No. 2.
Helianthus – 14.

Yours very truly,

G. W. Clinton.

Prof. Asa Gray.

P.S. On turning to my Journal, I find the following entry— "June 23. Squaw Island. Lathyrus palustris. Equisetum palustre?. Archangelica atropurpurea" &c. How I got the notion that it might be the E. palustre, I cant remember, nor, indeed, imagine. This must have been after I had collected the No. 1 on Strawberry Island. G.W.C.